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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, after "Cross-Reference to Related Applications," please amend the paragraphs in accordance with the following, with deleted text shown by ~~strike through~~ and added text shown by underlining:

This is a continuation application of ~~pending~~ U.S. Application Serial No. 09/594,732, entitled "System and Method for Authentication of Network Users," filed on June 16, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,496,936 issued on December 17, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/315,128, entitled "System and Method for Authentication of Network Users" filed on May 20, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,263,447 B2 issued on July 17, 2001, which claims benefit to U.S. Provisional application No. 60/086,257, filed May 21, 1998; which is related to the subject-matter of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/315,130, entitled "System and Method for Authentication of Network Users with Preprocessing," filed May 20, 1999, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,282,658 B2, which claims benefit to U.S. Provisional application No. 60/086,257, filed May 21, 1998; and also related to the subject-matter of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/315,129, entitled "System and Method for Authentication of Network Users and Issuing a Digital Certificate," filed on May 20, 1999, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,321,339 B2, which claims benefit to U.S. Provisional application No. 60/086,257, filed May 21, 1998.

These documents are all incorporated herein by reference.